



Docket No. 35103-018

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(c)) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

I hereby declare that I am:

- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:
☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF CONCERN
ADDRESS OF CONCERN

Project B, LLC
141 West Jackson Blvd., Box 855, Chicago, Illinois 60604-2904

I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled "Virtual Trading Floor System" by inventors Eric Hank and Michael Borchew described in Application No. 09/540,601, filed March 31, 2000.

If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

☐ Individual☒ Small Business Concern☐ Nonprofit Organization

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

Name of Person Signing:

Howard M. Tazner

Title of Person Other Than Owner:

partner, (managing)

Address of Person Signing:

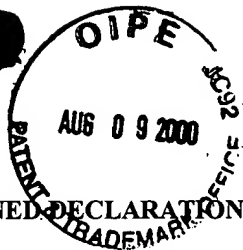
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Signature: _____

Date: _____

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COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I/We hereby declare that

This declaration is of the following type:

- ☒ original ☐ design ☐ supplemental
☐ national stage of PCT ☐ continuation ☐ continuation-in-part
☐ divisional

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

VIRTUAL TRADING FLOOR SYSTEM

the specification of which:

- ☐ is attached hereto.
☒ was filed on March 31, 2000 as Serial No. 09/540,601 and was amended on _____ (if applicable).
☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. _____ filed
on _____ and was amended under PCT Article 19 on _____ (if any).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or under 365(a) of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT International application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

COUNTRY	APPLICATION	DATE OF FILING (day,month,year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED		
				YES	NO
				YES	NO

I hereby claim the benefit pursuant to Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of the following United States provisional application(s):

PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATIONS CLAIMING THE BENEFIT UNDER 35 USC 119(e)	
APPLICATION NO.	DATE OF FILING (day,month,year)

- ☐ Additional provisional application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet PTO/SB/02B attached hereto.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) or 365(c) of any PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

PRIOR U.S. APPLICATIONS OR PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS DESIGNATING THE U.S. FOR BENEFIT UNDER 35 USC 120					
U.S. APPLICATIONS			Status (check one)		
U.S. APPLICATIONS	U.S. FILING DATE		PATENTED	PENDING	ABANDONED
1.					
2.					
3.					
PCT APPLICATIONS DESIGNATING THE U.S.			Status (check one)		
PCT APPLICATION NO.	PCT FILING DATE	U.S. SERIAL NOS. ASSIGNED (if any)	PATENTED	PENDING	ABANDONED
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5.					
6.					

DETAILS OF FOREIGN APPLICATIONS FROM WHICH PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC 119 FOR ABOVE LISTED U.S./PCT APPLICATIONS				
ABOVE APPLN. NO.	COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	DATE OF FILING (day,month,yr)	DATE OF ISSUE (day,month,yr)
1.				
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I hereby appoint Joseph H. Paquin, Jr. (Reg. No. 31,647), Margaret M. Duncan (Reg. No. 30,879), John G. Bisbikis (Reg. No. 37,095), Tracey R. Thomas (Reg. No. 38,633), Matthew E. Leno (Reg. No. 41,149), and Stephen T. Scherrer (Reg. No. 45,080) members of the bar of the State of Illinois, and Joy Ann G. Serauskas (Reg. No. 27,952) of the firm McDermott, Will & Emery using the address 227 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606-5096 (Telephone 312/372-2000), my attorneys and/or agent, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. It is requested that all correspondence be directed to:

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Chicago, Illinois 60606-5096

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